

On page 1, after line 2 (after the title), insert:

--This is a divisional of U.S. patent application
Serial No. 08/725,934, filed October 7, 1996, ^{now USPN 5,299,810} which is
a divisional of U.S. patent application Serial No.
08/311,041, filed September 22, 1994, now U.S. Patent
No. 5,562,219, issued October 8, 1996--.

On page 15, in line 33, after "5" insert --of the--.

On page 17, in line 17, change "7" to --6--.

On page 18, in line 18, change "9" to --10--.

On page 18, in line 25, change "10" to --9--.

On page 19, in line 22, change "loop" to --hoop--.

On page 19, in line 30, after "the" insert --
receptacle--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 1-26 without prejudice before
calculating the filing fee.

Please add new claim 27 as follows:

~~27.~~ A method of assembling a substance dispenser
member on a receptacle having a flange around an opening, said
method comprising the steps of:

(A) establishing a snap-fit engagement between said
dispenser member and a top portion of an annular fixing ring that
also has a bottom portion with an inwardly extending snap-
fastening projection which is adapted to engage said receptacle
flange;

A / (B) moving an annular hoop to a first position partway on said fixing ring where said hoop is spaced from said snap-fastening projection and establishes a friction-fit engagement between said fixing ring top portion and said hoop to create an assembly of said hoop, fixing ring, and dispenser member, said hoop and fixing ring top portion having interfering configurations preventing movement of said hoop beyond said first position when said hoop is subject to any axial thrust force less than a predetermined axial thrust force; and

(C) placing said assembly on said receptacle flange so that said dispenser member projects into said opening, said placing step including subjecting said hoop to a first axial thrust force less than said predetermined axial thrust force to move said hoop and fixing ring together toward said receptacle and cause said snap-fastening projection to temporarily deflect resiliently outwardly over said receptacle flange and then move inwardly to a snap-fastening engagement with said flange, said placing step including subsequently subjecting said hoop to a second axial thrust force at least as great as said predetermined axial thrust force for moving said hoop along said fixing ring while said hoop deforms said fixing ring top portion inwardly along at least part of the axial length of said top portion above said snap-fastening projection until at least part of said hoop is disposed adjacent said snap-fastening projection to prevent outward movement thereof.--